

RESOLUTION NO. 20120308-034

WHEREAS, the City of Austin erected 31 Moonlight Towers in 1895 for the safety and convenience of its citizens, and only 17 Moonlight Towers remain in working condition today;

WHEREAS, the Moonlight Towers are officially recognized as Texas State Landmarks and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin demonstrated its commitment to historic preservation of these landmarks by completing a restoration of all remaining towers for the occasion of their centennial in 1995;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin currently has multiple Moonlight Towers in storage that were previously removed to allow for nearby construction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin seeks to maintain the historic integrity of its landmarks and maximize the utility of its street lighting; **NOW**

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager is directed to:

1. Evaluate the feasibility of restoring the Moonlight Towers currently in storage to a usable condition, including cost considerations of storage, assembly and displacement of existing or proposed street lighting; and
2. Seek recommendations from the Historic Landmark Commission and the Downtown Commission on the relocation of any Moonlight Tower, taking into consideration:

- a. Original historic locations;
- b. Current or potential development plans; and
- c. The maximum utility of street lighting.

3. Report back to Council with a recommendation by May 17, 2012.

ADOPTED: March 8, 2012

ATTEST: Shirley A. Gentry
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City Clerk